



Conversation Record

Date: 7/3/2013

Recorded by: Mike Dechter

Caller: Dave Kincannon, 660-269-9364

Summary of Discussion:

Mr. Kincannon said he received notice of our rock pits project via a letter we had sent him. He said he owns property in Flagstaff, located off Highway 89 on the west side of the road. He said he has used his property in the past as an aggregate material source (wasn't sure what type of material). He used to have a contractor to dig, crush, and sort the rock, but that didn't work out. He wants the Forest Service to buy the material from his land and do all the extraction and operating and wanted to know how much we would pay.

I informed him that the Forest Service cannot operate on private lands. We can buy aggregate material from a private source, but the source needs to be an established business. To buy the aggregate materials from a private source we need to follow the Federal Acquisition Regulations, which I believe (although this is a bit outside of my expertise) would require us to get three estimates from established businesses and make a purchase based on those estimates.

I also informed Mr. Kincannon that the purpose of the project is to develop rock pit sites on the national forest lands so we can secure aggregate material for cheaper than what we've had to purchase from local retailers. Mr. Kincannon said that if we simply dig the material out of his land it would be cheaper and he would be able to earn money as well. That is unlikely considering we don't have the extra cost of paying a landowner when operating on national forest system lands. In addition it is unclear if the material source on his property would be viable for road surfacing. I told him that we cannot operate on his private land, we can only buy the aggregate materials from businesses (where we cannot use materials present on the national forest system lands).

Mr. Kincannon said he thought he was receiving this letter because we wanted aggregate materials and his land has been used for this in the past. He said he doesn't understand all the rules and would need to get his sister involved to help him out. He may call back to request a meeting between us and his sister.

I told him we would be happy to meet with him and/or his sister to discuss this further if he would like. Mr. Kincannon said he had no other concerns with the proposed project.

End Conversation
